

this Town. They have also seized the famous Domanski, who had resolved to assassinate Kofinski, that he might not make any further Confession. The latter has undergone some Interrogatories lately, in which he has confessed several Things regarding the horrible Project formed against the King's Life.

The Heyduck, who was wounded in defending his Sovereign, and died of his Wounds, was a Dissident; and some of the Romish Priests feared no Pains in his last Moments, to engage him to abjure his Errors and die a Catholic. When they had exhausted all their Rhetorick, and he found himself near his End, he replied coolly: "You stun me with your Solicitations, but happily for me they cannot last long; your Zeal would be better employed in converting the Assassins of my King." Soon after he had spoken these Words, he expired.

L O N D O N, November 16.

An Astrologer, in the Reign of Lewis the XIth of France, having foretold something disagreeable to the King, the King, in revenge, was resolved to have him killed. The next Day he sent for the Astrologer, and ordered the People about him, at a Signal given, to throw the Astrologer out of the Window. As soon as the King saw him, "You that pretend," says he, "to be such a wise Man, and know so perfectly the Fate of others, inform me a little what will be your own, and how long you have to live." The Astrologer, who now began to apprehend some Danger, answered with great Presence of Mind, "I know my Destiny, and am certain I shall die Three Days before your Majesty." The King, on this, was so far from having him thrown out of the Window, that, on the contrary, he took a particular Care not to suffer him to want any Thing, and did all that was possible to retard the Death of a Man, which his own was so closely to follow.

Dec. 2. Several principal Jew Merchants have agreed to present a Petition to his Majesty, relative to all Vagrants, who under the Denomination of Jews, commit Robberies and other Outrages on the Christians, of which the following are the Heads, viz. that no Jew be for the Future permitted to trade in this Metropolis, who cannot bring sufficient Testimony of his Honesty, and deposit a certain Sum as a Security for the same: That every foreign Jew, who shall come to England for the Purpose of Traffic, shall be obliged, under a severe Penalty, not to depart the Kingdom without special Licence, and that, on Disobedience to this Order, his Goods shall be confiscated: That all Jews who cannot render a good Account of themselves be obliged to depart the Kingdom immediately.

Dec. 4. On Monday some Dispatches arrived from his Excellency Mr. Murray, his Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople.

We hear that a Petition to Parliament is preparing for the obtaining Relief against State Oaths, particularly those of Allegiance, Abjuration, and Supremacy; by the Obtrusion of which, many tender scrupulous Consciences among our worthy Jacobite Brethren are hindered from getting into his Majesty's Cabinet Councils, and from accomplishing their generous Designs towards the Restoration of the injured and oppressed Family of Stuart; and not only so, but many learned and pious Members of the Church of Rome are either subjected to the Charge of Prevarication, or else effectually prevented from holding any temporal or ecclesiastical Preferment among us, to the great Scandal of a Nation professing a Regard for civil and religious Liberty.

Dec. 6. They write from Petersburg that the Empress of Russia having received Accounts that her Armies have lost great Numbers of Men in the last Campaign by their Engagements with the Turks, and still more by Sickness; her Imperial Majesty, in order to make up that Deficiency, has demanded of the Senate 80,000 Recruits; but the Senate represented to her that so large a Number at once would depopulate her Dominions which in many Places are at present too sparingly inhabited, in Consequence of which her Imperial Majesty has accepted of 50,000 Recruits, which have been granted her, in case a Peace cannot be brought about this Winter. These Letters add, that the Russian Government, perceiving that the Court of Vienna is desirous to protract their making a Peace with the Turks, in order to gain Time to forward her own Designs may possibly relinquish some Points, which seem hard upon the Turks in the last Proposals made to them, in order to encourage them to a Reconciliation with Russia without the Concurrence of the Court of Vienna.

A foreign Minister took Notice, the other Evening, in the Diplomatic Club at the St. Alban's Tavern, that no Man had ever been so great a Friend to the Lawyers as Mr. Wilkes; that from the original Source of the North-Briton, No. 45, down to the present Litigation between the Duke of Portland and Sir James Lowther, which may be traced from the Spirit of Party, generated from that Spring, the Lawyers have not by Party Contest gained less than a Hundred Thousand Pounds; and if the Gentlemen of the Long Robe were animated with a just Sense of Gratitude, they should make a Subscription of at least a Thousand a Year for their common Benefactor.

Dec. 7. One Day last Week one of the Yeomen of the Guards addressed Lord North, as he was passing through the Guard Chamber, in the following Manner: "My Lord, there is now almost Three Quarters of a Year's Salary due to us, and we have many of us large Families, and Provisions are very dear; I hope your Lordship will take this into Consideration." To which his Lordship returned: "Very well, very well, these are Things of Course." Upon this dissatisfactory Answer the Yeoman immediately formed a Resolution of selling out his last Fifty Pounds to pay his Debts, and support his Wife and Children. This is a Fact.

Certain Advice is received from Petersburg, that Doctor James's Powder has been administered, in the pestilential Fever at Moscow, with the greatest Success; and that Doctor Holiday, an English Physician,

has been sent thither from Petersburg, with a large Quantity, for the Relief of those who are affected with that Distemper.

A few Nights since Lady Bridget L— being in the Stage Box at Drury Lane Theatre, when the Comedy of *The Hypocrite* was performed, in which there are several Passages of Latin, Lady B— applied to a Maccoroni, who sat behind her, for an Explanation. The fine Gentleman told her that it was *Dog Latin*, and that he could not explain it. *It is very strange*, replied Lady B—, *that a Puppy should not understand his own Language.*

Yesterday was tried, in the Court of Common Pleas, a Cause wherein a Dutchman was Plaintiff, and the Colonel of a British Regiment Defendant. The Action was brought for Hay, Straw, and Oats, furnished by the former to the latter in the Course of the last War, and was laid at Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds. The Defence was, that the British Officer acted only for Government, and consequently was not liable. The Court seemed to be of that Opinion; but the Jury thought otherwise, and in about Four Minutes returned a Verdict for the Plaintiff, with Two Thousand Pounds Damages.

Dec. 10. Sir George Macartney is to remain Secretary to the Irish Viceroyship *et ubi vult be Viceroy.*

A very considerable Bet is laid, that the Vote of the Irish Commons, declaring the Pension granted to Jeremiah Dyson *burthenfome and unnecessary*, will be declared null and void in England.

The following is handed about at the West End of the Town, as a true Copy of a Letter which Mrs. Horton sent to his Majesty some Time after her Marriage with the Duke of Cumberland was publicly known.

"Gracious Sir,  
"The late Event in which your Royal Brother and I are (I fear) too nearly concerned, and which has already made so much Noise in the World, has, I am unhappy to hear, met with your Royal Disapprobation. If I have done amiss, it is my warmest Wish to have an Opportunity of throwing myself at your Majesty's Feet to beg for Pardon. May I never meet with a severer Judge! Yet surely, gracious Sir, if the Errors of the Head are even unardonable, some Lenity is to be shown to those of the Heart; and if to endeavour to reclaim a generous, but heedless Youth, from Levities which were more the Effect of good Nature than bad Principle; if to recal a Heart that was wandering after Pursuits unworthy of it, and fix it on one steady Point; if to collect his scattered Thoughts, regulate his Passions, and lead him finally to Virtue; if these are Purposes worthy of Mercy, worthy of Royal Grace, witness Heaven how sincerely they are mine, and how faithfully I am, gracious Sir, your loving Subject and Servant."

The Civil List, comprehending all his Majesty's Servants, has been paid up to the 5th of July last.

By the Master of a Vessel from Lisbon, we are informed that the French King had threatened to recal his Minister and Consuls from every Place in Portugal, if some Infringements, of which his Subjects complain, are not immediately removed.

A certain young Nobleman, just come of Age, was *itched* the other Morning, at a Chocolate House near Pall-Mall, for Seven Thousand Pounds, at Piquet.

The Jewish Synagogue has much Credit with the Publick for its Activity in apprehending the Miscreants executed Yesterday, as well as those in Custody. The strictest Vigilance, even of that excellent Magistrate Sir John Fielding, was defeated in the Pursuit, and the Synagogue itself expended a very large Sum to promote the Ends of publick Justice.

Dec. 12. We have it from good Authority, that the Spanish Ambassador has at length declared, that his Court is willing to conciliate Matters with Great-Britain—*by the Mediation of France.*

Dec. 13. The *little Junto*, and *Deers* of all publick Business have resolved to support Lord Townsend in Ireland, against the House of Commons there.

Advice is received from Denmark that his Majesty has established a School there for educating the Sons of Sailors in all the useful Parts of Navigation, and also an Academy for the Sons of deceased Gentlemen to learn Drawing, and all the useful Branches in the military Way, and that both the above are upon the same Plan as the Drawing Schools in the Tower and Woolwich.

Dec. 17. The Expence attending the Equipment of the Navy, the Increase of our Land Forces, together with all the various Preparations for a War with Spain, amounts, we are assured, to Three Millions Sterling; and the Value of Falkland Island is estimated at about Five Shillings Value, of American Currency.

A great Man, speaking on the Affair of Falkland Island last Sunday, at St. James's, observed, that now the People had got their favourite Rock again into their Possession, it was Ten to One but they grumbled at the Expences attending the Recovery, and exclaimed against the Government for increasing the national Debt to obtain an Object so notoriously inconsiderable.

Several political Screech Owls, who eternally love Misfortune, tell us that Spain has only patched up a Peace with us, and that the Moment she is in a Condition for War she will commence Hostilities. Let us even suppose this Prediction an absolute Fact, still are we to do an Injustice to prevent the Spaniards from being unjust, and to enter into a positive War at present through Fear of being forced into one upon some future Occasion by the Ministers of his Catholic Majesty?

Dec. 25. The Rachel, Henry, from Boston to London, with Lumber, was drove on Shore the 6th of December, near the Belt, at Plymouth; the Ship and Cargo are entirely lost, the Captain and Crew are saved.

The Nelly, Hudson, from Virginia to London, is on Shore upon the Knock near South-End, but if the Weather proves moderate, are in Hopes of getting her off again.

The Tryon, Farmer, from Jamaica to Bristol, is wrecked on the Newton Sands.

The Neptune, Shepherd, from Boston to Hull is totally lost near Margate.

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, December 17.

"The last Letters from Vienna advise, that the great Advantages lately gained by the Russians over the Turks, have made such an Impression upon the Empress Queen and her Ministry, that there is Reason to hope her Imperial Majesty will be more inclined than heretofore to listen to the Terms proposed for bringing about a Peace between the Russians and the Turks."

From the PUBLICK LEDGER.

A C A R D

To the MANAGERS of the ASSEMBLY at HABERDASHERS-HALL.

THE young Ladies frequenting the Assembly at Haberdashers-Hall, present their Compliments to the Managers, beg that the ensuing Season they will make certain Conditions in the Admission of young Gentlemen, who are desirous of becoming Subscribers, to oblige them to dance; as at present, by the Laziness and Incivility of the Beaux, many Ladies, who are very fond of the Amusement, are disappointed of their Evening's Entertainment, as many, instead of devoting themselves to the Service of the Ladies, are utterly inattentive to them, and associate in Parties to converse about their Horses and Dogs, not to mention other Indelicacies.

N. B. Some of the new Members who have taken particular Pains to get admitted, and who were taken in, that the Ladies might be accommodated with Partners, are now totally negligent of their Duty, and seem to prize themselves in the Disappointment of the Ladies.

The Gentlemen who are Managers for the Night are desired to give their Ticket to none, but such who have Politeness enough to devote themselves to the Service of the Ladies.

The Ladies return their particular Thanks to the following Gentlemen for their great Attention and Civility at the last Assembly on Thursday the 19th Instant.

Messrs. J. P. R—, T. R—, J. A—, G. P—, E. B—, P. G—, H. U—, a new Member, T. D—, L—, &c. &c.

WILLIAMS BURG, February 20.

Extract from the JOURNAL of the Honourable HOUSE of BURGESSES.

T U E S D A Y, February 18.

MR. Treasurer acquainted the House that he had a Message from the Governor to this House, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as followeth, viz.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE thought proper to lay before you a List of the Fees, which I found had been usually paid to the Clerks of my Predecessors in this Government, but which has been objected to in One Instance since I have taken the Administration upon me. In order, therefore, to give the People over whom I have the Honour to preside the clearest Proof of the Uprightness of my own Intentions, and to let them see my Readiness to remove, as soon as I can discover it, every Possibility of a Dispute between me and those whose Affection I would gladly conciliate, I desire you will take the said List of Fees under your Consideration; and, as I suppose, if they appear to be just and reasonable to you, upon Comparison of them with what is the Practice in similar Cases, in all other Governments, that you will have no Objections to the establishing of them by Law; so, on my Part, if you judge otherwise of them, I shall not hesitate at consenting to abolish them all, or in Part, exactly as you shall think proper to propose.

DUNMORE.

The List mentioned in the said Message is as followeth, viz.

FEES usually paid to the GOVERNOR'S CLERK.

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For County Lieutenant's Commission	2	0	0
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Major's	1	1	6
Sheriff's	1	5	0
Principal Inspector's	0	15	0
Assistant Inspector's	0	10	0
Coroner's	0	10	0
Mediterranean Pass	1	15	0
Quarter-Master's	1	0	0
Presentation to a Parish	1	10	0
Escheat Master	1	1	6
Commissary of Stores	1	1	6

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Governor's Message, and the List of Fees therein mentioned.

A N N A P O L I S, March 19.

TO THE P R I N T E R S.

In a Dearth of News, I have sent you the following Series of Thoughts to help to fill your Paper.

I am yours, &c.

CASUS.

NOTWITHSTANDING it is written in indelible Characters in the Heart of every one, that an upright just Life is not only an Amusement for the Time we are here, but that its Influence extends to those Parts of our Existence that lie beyond the Grave; yet how amazing it is, that there are

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